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INTRODUCE MYSELF Involved until last summer when withdrew for reasons I'll explain in a minute
DEEPLY CONCERNED AND ANGRY ABOUT MOLLOY'S PROPOSAL TO FED. GOVERNMENT TO OPEN METHODONE HOUSES AND HOUSES FOR EX-CONVICTS.

CONCERNED FOR SEVERAL REASONS:
1. Was written and submitted in secrecy, without the OH board ever seeing a copy because OH has lacked a system of checks and balances. There is no group conscience, or this wouldn't have happened in the first place.
2. The organizational chart in the proposal, while showing OH as the applicant, lacks OH people. Rather it looks like the lineup of a consulting firm. At the top is Paul Molloy, who calls himself chief executive officer. On the next line are John Touhey, listed as chief financial officer, Charles van der Burgh, ehief financial officer, and John Jordan, director of special projects, three people who have never even lived in an Oxford House. What they know about OH they learned from Paul Molloy. The next line has Greg Heafner, manger of field services, who is no longer with the corp. for reasons I won't go into here. The next line has Mollie Brown, outreach coordinator, Richard Dembo and Eric Wish, ex-offender project and Joseph Brady, methodone project. All these people may be qualified, but none has ever lived in an OH. This is the structure of a consulting firm, designed to get money from the government. Most aren't in recovery and therefore don't understand recovery principles.
3.The thrid item that really bothers me is the salaries involved. OH would be paid $275,000 to open three methodone houses. On this project Molloy would work 750 hours at $45.67/hr for $34,254.81. Charles van der Burgh would work 160 hrs at $40.87 for $6,538.46. John Jordan 450 hrs at $26.44 for $11.899. The people who went out to deal with methodone addicts and live in the houses would work 870/hrs at $11.25 hr for $9,787.50 or 870 hrs at $10 for 8,700. The only thing I can say about that is they would be getting more than the outreach people on another part of the proposal who would only get $6.25 hr. while Molloy gets $45.67 and van der Brugh $40.87 per hr. The $205,000 prisoner project has the same percentage rates of pay.
The two projects, methodone houses and prisoner houses, would cost the government $480,000. Of that, only $58,132.65 would actually go to the people who went into the field and did the work. That's just plain wrong.
4. The main reason I oppose the proposal is that OH has no business being affiliated in any way with methodone houses. Oxford House from the beginning was based on 12 Step principles, of a Higher Power, of helping one another, of self support. This proposal is based on doing anything for money. To be involved in opening methodone houses for money is a direct violation of those principles. Oxford Houses are for people who don't use alcohol or durgs. Methodone houses are for people who do use them. Methodone is an opiate, a highly addictive drug. It hurts people because it enables them no hurt between heroin binges. To send Oxford House people, relatively new in recovery, to start methodone houses is to play roulette with their sobriety and their lives. There is

but one reason to get involved with methodone house, and that's money. OH will never need money that bad.

OH is being run by Molloy, who was never elected by anyone. He calls himself CEO, a pompous title usually reserved for people at GM and IBM. I've never heard of a recovery org. that had anybody with a title like that. The real mystery is that he appointed himself. He has never been elected CEO by anybody. He just assumed control of the corporation and its assets.

Had there been a group conscience or involvement, this never would have happened.

I make a motion that the enclosed letter be signed by OH members and alumni here tonight and mailed tomorrow to the federal government.

Read Letter.

OH is a fine organization and the houses work. If there is to be growth it needs to be measured and thoughful and done as a result of a group conscience.